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- ◆ Supreme Court Agreed to Hear Case
 - Both Sides Appealed Aspects of DC Circuit Court Decision
- ◆ Oral Arguments November 7, 2000
- ◆ Court Decision Released 2/27/01
- ◆ Validated both the 8-Hour Ozone and the Fine Particulate Standard



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- Questions Presented to Supreme Court
 - ◆ Does EPA's Interpretation of the Clean Air Act Lead to an Unconstitutional Delegation of Authority?
 - ◆ Did DC Court of Appeals Exceed Its Jurisdiction in Reviewing Preamble Statements?
 - ◆ Does Clean Air Act Restrict EPA's Ability to Enforce New NAAQS?
 - Should EPA Consider Other Factors (Cost) in Setting Primary Standard?



What did the Supreme Court Do?

- ◆EPA standard setting was <u>NOT</u> an Unconstitutional Delegation of Authority
- ◆ Court of Appeals had jurisdiction to review how standards were implemented
- ◆EPA's 8-Hour Implementation Plan is Not Lawful
- ◆EPA can NOT consider cost in setting the NAAQS



What was in Subpart 2 to Title I?

- ◆ Creates ozone nonattainment classification based on severity of problem
- Sets deadline dates for each class
- ◆ Specifies control requirements



What Does this Mean for Wisconsin's Air Ouality?

- ◆ Victory for Clean Air and Wisconsin Citizens.
- ◆ The 8-hour Ozone and Fine Particulate Standard will provide health protection.
- ◆ Ozone can lead to lung disease, decreased lung function and trigger asthma attacks.
- ◆PM_{2.5} leads to lung disease, heart disease and premature death.



What will happen now?

- ◆ To early to tell
- ◆EPA must create a new implementation scheme for the 8- hour ozone standard that reasonable matches the structure of subpart 2
- ◆EPA will have a lot of work to do
- ◆EPA's new actions could stimulate more lawsuits



What Happens to the 1-Hour Attainment Plan?

- ◆ The Supreme Court Decision does not affect Wisconsin's 1-Hour Attainment Demonstration.
- ◆ Wisconsin is proceeding with the schedule to implement this plan.
- ◆ Additional voluntary reductions will help us with meeting the 8-hour standard